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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 32 of the Second Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Citizens Bank & Trust  
Company of Grainger County for 80 years of  
dedicated service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those  
exemplary organizations which are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Grainger County is one such  
outstanding organization that has proficiently served the needs of its community for 80 years;  
and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1919, the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Grainger  
County was established as a state-chartered bank. It opened with twenty-nine depositors  
representing each area of the county and totaling \$12,291.23 in deposits; and

WHEREAS, by 1948, the Bank was staffed with three officers, a bookkeeper, and a clerk  
with deposits and loans being the basic banking services at that time; and

WHEREAS, presently operating under the able leadership of Wayne Shirley, Chairman  
& CEO, and George Shirley, President, the bank's assets have grown to \$122 million with a  
staff of forty-seven full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Bank & Trust continues to uphold an impressive reputation,  
providing families with unique banking services in Grainger County; present board members  
include Frank Godwin, R. Edward Davis, Greg Corum, Terry Johnson, J. Albert Hodges, and  
Margaret Stapleton; and

WHEREAS, throughout its illustrious 80-year existence, CB&T has increased its services to meet the needs of its customers; the bank has also increased its presence in the county with the construction of a main office in Rutledge and branch offices in Bean Station, Blaine, and Washburn; a fifth location at Cherokee is presently under construction; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Grainger County has also received state and national recognition: the American Banker's Association and Tennessee Banker's Association for the Bank's outstanding contribution to consumer education through its Personal Economics Program; and

WHEREAS, Bauer Financial Reports, Inc. has consistently given CB&T a five-star rating as one of the safest banks in the United States; and

WHEREAS, though understated in recognition, the Bank has been of tremendous support to the Grainger County community and schools through various volunteer and financial support; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Grainger County is also proud to be a participating Bank of Promise, joining with General (Ret.) Colin Powell and his organization, "America's Promise – the Alliance for Youth," thus furthering the Bank's generous investment in the Grainger County community, the greatest investment return any business could ever promote; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby acknowledge and applaud the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of Grainger County for 80 years of exemplary service to its community, and extend to the bank and its employees our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.